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SUBJECT: ALLOWANCES - POST DIFFERENTIAL

REF: (A) PEKING 1452, (B) STATE 190967

1. EARTHQUAKE LIVING CONDITIONS IN PEKING FULLY JUSTIFY A POST DIFFERENTIAL OF 25 PER CENT. USLO PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR APARTMENTS BY THE EARTHQUAKE OF JULY 28 AND ALL ARE NOW LIVING IN OFFICE BUILDING AND RESIDENCE. DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU IS PRODUCING THREE TENTS FOR EMERGENCY USE IN CASE PRESENT QUARTERS BECOME UNTENANTABLE.

2. PRC HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO STATE PRECISELY HOW LONG DANGER OF FURTHER EARTHQUAKES WILL LAST, BUT DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED US (STATE 190967) THAT FURTHER SERIOUS SHOCKS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

THE PRC HAS STATED THAT THE EPICENTER FOR THE NEXT SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE MAY MIGRATE NEARER TO PEKING.

3. ENTIRE POPULATION OF PEKING IS NOW LIVING IN TEMPORARY SHACKS AND TENTS IN THE STREETS, AND SANITARY CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO DETERIORATE.

4. JUDGING FROM CRACKS IN SOME OF THE DIPLOMATIC APARTMENT BUILDINGS, OUR PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REOCCUPY THEIR APARTMENTS FOR EXTENDED PERIOD EVEN AFTER ALL

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DANGER OF FURTHER TREMORS ENDS. IT IS LIKELY THAT

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS AND MOST SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED
FOR SOME TIME. INTERNATIONAL CLUB AND ALL RECREATIONAL
FACILITIES HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

5. THIS REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN DIFFERENTIAL TO 25 PER
CENT SUPPLEMENTS OUR DS-1733 OF JUNE 6, 1975.
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